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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 January 2005.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 17-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 17-20 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to amendment received in Jan. 4, 2005. Claims 8-16, 21 and 22 were canceled. Claim 19 was amended. Claims 1-7 and 17-20 are pending examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Experton, U.S. Patent No. 5,995,965.

Experton teaches the invention explicitly as claimed including a system and method for user authorization to retrieve requested data from a remote web page using a smart card (see abstract).

As to claims 1 and 17, Experton teaches a method and means of accessing a target Internet site comprising:

reading authorized user information from a smart card inserted into a user terminal (see col. 3 lines 62-col. 4 lines 26, user inserts smart card in the user terminal);

transmitting the authorized user information from the user terminal to a server on the Internet (see col. 4 lines 37-50, user sends ID to the server);

receiving an authorization code with the user terminal, the authorization code being transmitted by the server in response to the authorized user information (see col. 8 lines 52-col. 9 lines 56, user receives updated user information and stores the data to the terminal and to the smart card);

using the authorization code to retrieve a target Internet address from the smart card, wherein the target Internet address corresponds with the target Internet site (see col. 8 lines 52-col. 9 lines 56, user receives and displays information from the information site); and

using the target Internet address retrieved from the smart card to access the target Internet site (see col. 8 lines 52-col. 9 lines 56, the address stored on the smart card is used to access the network address).

As to claim 2, Experton teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the authorized user information on the smart card is provided by an owner of the server, and the target Internet address is provided by an owner of the target Internet site (see col. 8 lines 52-col. 9 lines 56).

As to claim 3, Experton teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising maintaining a database of authorized users in the server (see col. 10 lines 55-col. 11).

As to claim 4, Experton teaches the method of claim 3, further comprising: comparing the authorized user information with the database of authorized users in the server; and issuing the authorization code with the server if the authorized user information corresponds with a valid entry in the database of authorized users in the server (see col. 10 lines 55-col. 11).

As to claim 5, Experton teaches the method of claim 4, further comprising transmitting a code identifying the user terminal from the user terminal to the server on the Internet.

As to claim 6, Experton teaches the method of claim 5, issuing the authorization code further comprises: issuing a resident authorization code if the valid entry in the database corresponds with the code identifying the user terminal; issuing a guest authorization code if the valid entry in the database does not correspond with the code identifying the user terminal (see col. 8 lines 52-col. 9 lines 56).

As to claim 7, Experton teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting a code identifying the user terminal from the user terminal to the server on the Internet (see col. 8 lines 52-col. 9 lines 56).

As to claim 18, Experton teaches an Internet access network comprising: a server having a server database that stores authorized user information that identifies authorized users of the Internet access network; user terminals for enabling the authorized users to access the Internet with support from the server; and a smart card for insertion into the user terminals, the smart card being programmed to store

authorized user information for one of the authorized users and a target Internet address associated with a target Internet site (see col. 10 lines 55-col. 11 and col. 8 lines 52-col. 9 lines 56)

means for retrieving the authorized user information from the smart card within the user terminal; means for transmitting the retrieved authorized user information from the user terminal to the server;

means for comparing the authorized user information transmitted from the user terminal to the server with the authorized user information stored in the server database; and

means for authorizing access to the target Internet site if the authorized user information transmitted from the user terminal to the server matches authorized user information stored in the server database (see col. 10 lines 55-col. 11 and col. 8 lines 52-col. 9 lines 56)..

As to claim 19, Experton teaches the Internet access network of claim 18, wherein the target Internet site is independent of the server (see col. 8 lines 52-col. 9 lines 56).

As to claim 20, Experton teaches the Internet access network of claim 18, wherein an owner of the server controls the programming of the smart card (see col. 8 lines 52-col. 9 lines 56).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In the remarks, the applicant argues in substance that; A) Experton does not disclose receiving an authorization code with the user terminal, the authorization code being transmitted by the server in response to the authorized user information.

In response to A) Experton teaches a system and method for user authorization to retrieve requested data from a remote web page using a smart card (see abstract). The user receives updated user information and stores the data to the terminal and to the smart card (see col. 11 lines 7-50). There is no limitation in the claim on the content of the identification code and therefore the data transmitted from the server to the terminal and to the smart card meets the scope of the claimed limitation "the authorization code being transmitted by the server in response to the authorized user information".

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.


5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hussein A El-chanti whose telephone number is (571)272-3999. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571)272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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March 22, 2005



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